

Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for seeking input from the public regarding the various bills before you today.

I strongly OPPOSE S.B. No. 16 – An Act Addressing Gun Violence and Juvenile Crime. Apart from funding the firearms trafficking Task Force, this bill is simply 50 pages of unconscionable gun control legislation targeting lawful gun owners. None of the Governor’s proposals will reduce crime. You can pass all the laws you want, the only ones following them are legal gun owners, which are really whom Governor Lamont intended to attack with this bill’s passage. (The Governor upon submitting this proposed legislation was quoted as saying – that “there are far too many legal guns in the State of Connecticut”). Others will undoubtedly testify here today more specifically, that the government’s “soft on crime” approach undermines all our attempts at reducing criminal violence. These proposed measures simply attack legal gun owners.

I also OPPOSE H.B. No. 5416 – An Act Concerning Bulk Purchases of Pistols and Revolvers. The ATF already has criteria for investigation of and following up on suspicious sales patterns. Passing this bill might very well prevent these cases from reaching the agency in charge of investigating straw purchasers and gun traffickers.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5415 – An Act Concerning the Transfer of Assault Weapons and Large Capacity Magazines. There is no logical reason to prevent these items from legal transfer.

I SUPPORT Raised H.B. No. 5412 – An Act Concerning the Duty to Retreat in A Religious House of Worship. When will we stop enabling lunatics? Arbitrarily decreeing private property – a gun free zone and/or requiring “Duty to retreat” only enables and emboldens people with evil intent. You should be looking to reduce the scope of legally mandated soft targets. The very buildings you privileged few find yourselves in today are anything but. Stop getting in the way of common citizens defending themselves in the presence of legitimate acts of heinous violence.

I SUPPORT Raised S.B. No. 388 – An Act Concerning the Defense of a Person or A Person’s Dwelling, Place of Work or Motor Vehicle. Same argument in support as H.B. 5412 – stop creating soft targets.

Thank you for your time,

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